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## STATEHOOD CALL ISSUED

BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR  
SINGLE STATEHOOD.

Convention to Be Held in Oklahoma  
City on July 12—One Thousand  
Delegates From the Two Ter-  
ritories Expected.

The call for the single statehood convention to be held in Oklahoma City on July 12 has been issued by C. G. Jones, chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Territory statehood executive committee, by order of that committee. A number of men of national reputation will attend the convention. One thousand delegates, 500 from each of the two territories, will be selected on July 8 by mass conventions in the different counties and will attend the statehood meeting at Oklahoma City on the 12th.

The call follows:  
By order of the Oklahoma Indian Territory single statehood executive committee an interterritorial delegate convention of the people of said territories is hereby called to meet at 10 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, the 12th day of July, 1905, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The number of delegates authorized to be elected at said convention is 500 delegates from the territory of Oklahoma and 500 delegates from Indian Territory, to be selected on Saturday, July 8, 1905, by mass conventions of the people as hereinafter designated.

Said delegates and an equal number of alternates to said convention are hereby apportioned among the several counties of Oklahoma, and the several recording districts of the Indian Territory as follows:

Beaver county, Dis. No. 1, 10  
Blaine county, Dis. No. 2, 10  
Caddo county, Dis. No. 3, 10  
Canadian county, Dis. No. 4, 10  
Cherokee county, Dis. No. 5, 10  
Cottonwood county, Dis. No. 6, 10  
Custer county, Dis. No. 7, 10  
Dewey county, Dis. No. 8, 10  
Dodge county, Dis. No. 9, 10  
Garfield county, Dis. No. 10, 10  
Grant county, Dis. No. 11, 10  
Gray county, Dis. No. 12, 10  
Greene county, Dis. No. 13, 10  
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Mass meetings for the selection of said delegates and alternates shall meet at the hour of 2 p.m. on the date suggested, at county seats in Oklahoma and at the recording or court towns in said recording districts of Indian Territory.

The purposes of this convention are two-fold: First, to give expression to the will and wishes of the people of the two Territories as to statehood legislation for us; and in the second place, get the American congress to provide for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory to statehood at once without regard to reference to other territories of the United States. The people of Oklahoma and Indian Territory are particularly called upon by the exigency of our situation to resist "entangling alliances," made possible by the desire and insistence of other territories to be admitted into the Union. But in this matter, our duty begins and ends at home.

## INDIANS CAN BUY LIQUOR.

If Indian Is Freeholder He Can Buy Liquor If He Chooses.

Madison, Wis., June 1.—Judge Sandborn of the United States court, discharged William Kirshy here today. Kirshy was accused of selling liquor to an Indian and based his defense on the fact that since the Indian was a freeholder he was therefore entitled to buy liquor as he should so choose. The court sustained the defendant and discharged him.

Preston C. West, when questioned in regard to the above decision said: "The judge did exactly the same thing. He is the same judge who, not long since, decided in the court of appeals that it was an offense to sell it to an Indian and that was reversed by the supreme court. The defendant in that case was indicted in the Kansas court for selling liquor to an Indian and he applied to the court of appeals which sustained the decision of the lower court. The supreme court reversed the decision, holding that when the Indian obtained a patent from the government for land he became a freeholder and was no longer a ward but was a citizen of the United States. In the above case Judge Sandborn is simply following the lead of the supreme court."

This is one of the cases that has determined that congress has no authority to create laws interfering with the police regulations of any state.

## LOADING FOR HITCHCOCK

RUINOUS POLICIES OF SECRETARY DENOUNCED.

Organization of Commercial League of Indian Territory Effected—Will Withdraw All Trade From St. Louis If Policy Pursued.

Oklahoma City, June 1.—There was a meeting here today at which were present representatives of twenty-seven commercial clubs of towns in Indian Territory. There was a complete organization of what will be known as the Commercial League of Indian Territory and every commercial club will be asked to join. The officers of the club are: U. G. Philpott, of Coweta, president; J. W. Kieff, of Holdenville, vice-president; H. Zely, of Wagoner, second vice-president; F. F. Lamb, of Okmulgee, secretary; J. H. Kennedy, of Weleetka, treasurer.

Another meeting was called for August 3. All commercial clubs in Indian Territory will be expected to become members. The object of the league is to secure departmental action looking to the betterment of the country. Especially to the removal of restrictions from land and the abolishment of some of the policies adopted by Secretary Hitchcock, who was denounced as incompetent and his policies declared to be ruining the country. His action in attempting to collect the tribal tax before a supreme court decision was denounced and the action of the Muskogee officials in resisting was commended. An effort will be made to induce the merchants to use their influence to have Secretary Hitchcock removed. If they refuse, Indian Territory merchants propose to withdraw all trade from St. Louis and throw it to Kansas City, Oklahoma City and Fort Worth.

## ATTORNEY IN JAIL.

Wanted in Indian Territory and Accidentally Captured in Idaho.

Vinita, I. T., June 1.—The officers arrived here today with Attorney J. D. O'Brien in charge and later placed him in jail on an indictment returned against him by the Federal grand jury. About a month ago O'Brien came here from Oklahoma City and opened up a law office. He soon established good credit, cashed about \$1,000 of alleged worthless checks at the banks here and left suddenly. W. R. McGeorge and Hank Wade of this place visited Lewiston, Idaho, and came across O'Brien and caused his arrest. When taken before Judge Gill, O'Brien entered a plea of not guilty. His capture in Idaho was accidental and he was going under an assumed name there.

## Indian Teachers Receive Checks.

Muskogee, I. T., June 1.—Monday afternoon the Indian agent issued checks to all teachers in government schools in the Cherokee and Choctaw nations. There are over 400 teachers and their checks are payment in full for their year's work, some of them covering several months of the latter part of the term, as they were unable to get their money in warrants paid monthly. Teachers in the other nations will get their checks in the same manner shortly. After this payment the school funds of the territory will pass out of the hands of the Indian agent and in the future the disbursements will be made by J. D. Benedict, superintendent of schools for the territory. This will relieve the Indian agency of one of the largest disbursement items. It is one of the changes recommended by the inspectors, who made the recent investigation of the Indian agency that had sensational results.

## SHOOTING TOURNAMENT ENDS.

Last Day Devoted to Live Birds—Rust Wine Dupont Trophy.

The first annual tournament of the Indian Territory-Oklahoma Sportsmen Association ended yesterday. Shooters state that the tournament was a big success in every respect and are praising the local boys for their arrangement of affairs. Most of the shooting contingent departed for their respective homes last night. They also spoke in glowing hospitality of the town.

The last day of the shoot was full of interest. Everyone was interested in the Dupont trophy prize. When the average was figured it was found that Reust of Oklahoma was the fortunate winner of the trophy. As an amateur he made the highest score through out the shoot. Ward of Tishomingo was second. Of the outside talent, two of Texas was like man. The Oklahoma boys carried off the honors. With Reust winning the Dupont prize, Bonebrake of Oklahoma, the Hunter's Arm medal, Blackwell capturing the next annual meeting and Harter being elected president the Oklahoma bunch are satisfied and have ample cause to be rejoicing.

The Ardmoreites did fairly well in the tournament. Ward of Ardmore captured the Tishomingo medal and many of the shooters shared in the fees.

Hudson of Oklahoma carried off the honors in the live bird contest. At the traps yesterday J. B. Sprague missed his bird which went sailing in the air. Some one called to Topperwein, the fancy shooter, to try his luck. Mr. Topperwein brought the pigeon down with his pistol, while the shooters clapped their hands in delight.

One of the busiest men was Ed Roberts, who had charge of the shoot and figured the averages.

The following scores were made during the tournament:

Name	Shot At	Broke
Brown	330	326
Thompson	330	344
Smith	330	345
Connelley	330	348
Reust	330	359
Douglass	330	378
Harris	330	380
Hudson	330	387
Appelman	330	388
Crowder	330	395
Worless	330	395
Sprague	330	395
Wall	330	395
Bonebrake	330	395
Hutledge	330	395
Reust	330	395
Elliott	330	395
Day	330	395
Conley	330	395
Allen	330	395
Ward	330	395
Warfield	330	395
Colbert	330	395
Bonner	330	395
Clark	330	395
Owen	330	395

The following squad of amateur shooters broke the world's record for a squad of five men, standing 5 yards:

Allen	25
Hartman	25
Clark	25
Houston	25
Harris	24

134—out of 125

The annual reunion of the Chickasaw Brigade, U. C. V., will be held at Ada, I. T., July 20, 21 and 22.

## Wants to Establish Gas Plant.

H. L. McKee of Meridian, Miss., is in the city and will present a proposition to the city council in the near future looking to the establishment of a gas plant in Ardmore. Mr. McKee wants the permission of the city council to locate a plant of this kind here. He says that he and his associates are willing to invest \$100,000 in a gas plant and will make a liberal proposition to the city if permission is granted. He maintains that the lighting of the city can be done with gas a great deal cheaper than any other kind of light in existence and claims that it is a superior light to any.

Mr. McKee is anxious to come and invest money in Ardmore. The plant, he states, would be one of the finest in the country and would be a great thing for Ardmore. He will remain here several days or until the matter is settled.

Reduced prices on hot weather suits and trousers for the next thirty days, J. J. STOLFA, The Tailor, 614

## Physicians Meet.

A number of physicians of the southwestern part of the Chickasaw Nation met May 24 at Orr, I. T., and organized the Southwestern Chickasaw Medical Society. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. Ashley of Orr; vice-president, Dr. T. E. Martin of Simon; secretary, Dr. T. E. Gross of Atlee; assistant secretary, Dr. D. S. Taylor of Cornish. Committee on by-laws, Dr. L. B. Sutherland, Dr. S. Taylor and Bentley. Committee on arrangement, Dr. J. N. Deffense and L. B. Sutherland.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Cornish June 15 at 10 o'clock a.m. All physicians are invited to attend this meeting.

Chronic bronchial troubles and summer coughs can be quickly relieved and cured by Foley's Honey and Tar City Drug Store.

When a man gets old enough to think he doesn't know it all he has a son young enough to think he does.

## OVERTURES FOR PEACE

THE WHITE WINGED DOVE DOING  
DOUBLE DUTY.

If Japan in Moderate in Demands Peace is Close At Hand—President Roosevelt Today Occupies the Center of the Stage.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, June 3.—President Roosevelt is striving with excellent prospects of success, to end the bloody war. He is now the central figure of the world's stage. One of the main obstacles, it seems, has been overcome, both Russia and Japan having agreed to accept his good offices for arrangement over the preliminaries. The belligerents are expected to be able to arrange peace terms direct. The president is believed to share with Emperor William in his view that the belligerents should be allowed to select actual terms without outside interference.

Evidence also exists that Roosevelt has also secured the support of several continental powers, and at the proper time they will appear at his back.

It now transpires that Ambassador Meyer is having audience with the emperor.

Washington, June 3.—Julesrand, the French ambassador, had a conference with President Roosevelt early today. Later Ambassador Julesrand said he could not discuss the object of his call. Acting Secretary of State Loomis called on the president later, and while he would admit nothing as to his visit, there is reason to believe that he presented to the president the proposed cable dispatches from Mexico at St. Petersburg and held in London, which were received over night. Secretary Loomis said nothing would be made public here in an official way until a lasting peace negotiations.

St. Petersburg, June 3.—(Presidential) by the family council at Tsarskoe Selo, it is understood that a decision was reached that peace was attainable if Japan's conditions were not too onerous.

Paris, June 3.—It is definitely known that Russian Foreign Minister Lamsdorf, seconded by Witt, president of the committee of ministers, has initiated overtures through the Russian representatives abroad, to learn Japan's disposition and terms of peace.

St. Petersburg, June 3.—If Japan proves moderate in her demands, peace seems to be close at hand. An armistice will probably be the first evidence the world will have that the two powers have agreed to shake hands.

## CAMP SAM DAVIS BOYS.

Intend Showing the Largest Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

With the approach of the Louisville reunion it is announced that the Sons of Confederate Veterans will send one of the largest delegations from this section that has ever been sent to a similar reunion. The sons are displaying a great deal of interest in the approaching meeting and the call for new members recently published in the Ardmoreite was conducive of good results, a large number joining the local camp. If the plans of the local camp do not miscarry Ardmore will have one of the largest camps of any in the country. The organization is in splendid shape and will make a strong campaign to locate headquarters for the trans-Mississippi department at this point.

Mr. J. S. McNally of the Rock Island was in the city this morning and he is completing arrangements for the special train that will leave here on the afternoon of July 11. He reports that a large number of veterans will go over the Rock Island from Ardmore and the crowd will be augmented by similar delegations from other places. Mr. McNally said that the train would be thoroughly equipped for the comfort and convenience of the patrons.

## WARNING ORDER.

In the United Court in the Indian Territory, Southern district.

Victoria Gardner et al., plaintiffs, vs. W. E. Caldwell et al., defendants, No. 6355.

The defendant, W. E. Caldwell, is warned to appear in this court in thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs, Victoria Gardner et al.

Witness the Honorable Horace Townsend, judge of said court, and seal thereof, this 13th day of May, 1905. (Seal) C. M. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

By W. S. CROCKETT, Deputy.

B. Carless Wadlington, attorney.

S. H. Butler, attorney for non-resident.

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Predy's Buggies.

Ratterman & Louth buggies. Rex buggies. Columbia buggies. Special business wagons. See the new line on North Washington street.

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSION.

Conference Concluded a Successful Three Days' Session—New Officers.

After a successful three days' meeting the Woman's Home Mission society adjourned at noon today. The report of the secretary showed 25 new auxiliaries over last year. The growth of the society was cause for rejoicing. There was an increase of 290 members over last year.

It was announced that \$604 was appropriated to the women's charges.

The amount expended on parsonages reached \$220.

There was given to the needy seven boxes of new work, amounting to \$500.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mrs. A. J. Worley, president; Mrs. B. M. Campbell, 1st vice-president; Mrs. C. M. McClain, second vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Boper, third vice-president; Mrs. P. P. Kearney, recording secretary; Mrs. J. M. Gross, corresponding secretary; Mrs. V. L. Perry, treasurer; Mrs. F. B. Croft, press superintendent; Mrs. J. C. Fowler will have charge of the supply department.

As a token of appreciation for her work during the past year, Mrs. T. B. Hester of Muskogee was presented with a handsome tea set. Mrs. Gross made the presentation speech.

The Home Mission society delegates and the Foreign Mission society delegates are being entertained at the residence of Mrs. Ida Alexander this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

The Foreign Mission society will begin its session tonight.

## CONFEDERATE SPECIAL TRAIN.

Five Train Will Run Direct to Louisville Reunion—Quickest Route.

It is announced that the Rock Island road will run a fine special train out of this city on the occasion of the Louisville reunion. The special will leave Ardmore on June 12th, arriving in Louisville the next afternoon. Division Passenger Agent McNally who is in the city arranging all the details for this fine train, said that the special would be composed of a baggage car, chair cars and Pullman standard and tourist sleepers.

The equipment will be ample to accommodate the many who will go from Indian Territory, although Mr. McNally said that many camps in the territory had selected the Rock Island road and that it would be a happy reunion of territory people. En route the special will pick up the South McAlester, Wapanucka, Coalgate, Wilburton and other delegations. Many Oklahoma veterans will concentrate at South McAlester and join the territory camps. The train will run through to the reunion city consolidated. The Oklahoma Military band will accompany the veterans from Oklahoma on the trip.

Already Mr. McNally stated several parties have expressed preference and will use the Rock Island on this excursion. The reunion special to New Orleans over this road is well remembered and the trip had many pleasing features.

Arrangements for sleepers should be made at an early date to Agent Dashiell, who can furnish all information concerning the trip.

## DISTRICT COURT TERMS.

Marietta, Tishomingo and Ardmore Will Have Three Terms Each.

Judge Townsend has made the following order of court with reference to the terms of district court to be held at Marietta, Tishomingo and Ardmore:

In compliance with the provisions of an act of congress entitled "An act providing for additional United States judges in the Indian territory" and for other purposes, approved April 23, 1904, it is ordered:

That there shall be three terms of court each year at the following places in the said Southern district: Marietta, Tishomingo and Ardmore, as provided by law, same beginning as follows:

Marietta—First term, beginning October 2, 1905.

Marietta—Second term, beginning October 12, 1905.

Tishomingo—First term, beginning October 23, 1905.

Tishomingo—Second term, beginning November 13, 1905.

Ardmore—First term, beginning December 4, 1905.

Ardmore—Second term, beginning January 2, 1906.

Third Term.

Marietta—Beginning January 29, 1906.

Tishomingo—Beginning February 12, 1906.

Ardmore—Beginning March 26, 1906.

Done in chambers at Ardmore, Indian Territory, this 24th day of April, 1905.

HOSEA TOWNSEND, Judge.

## TRIBAL TAX TROUBLE

ENTIRE FORCE OF INDIAN POLICE  
ARRIVE AT MUSKOGEE.

All Kinds of Rumors Afloat Relative to What Will Be Done—Suits to Be Entered Against Officials' Bondsman—Officers Sued.

Muskogee, I. T., June 1.—The usual crop of sensational rumors were afloat relative to the tribal tax matter today, but no action was taken, though everyone was expecting the government to pursue the policy of closing business houses.

District Attorney Melette was again in communication with Washington, while dispatches from the capital indicate that the people cannot expect relief through the president, who is said to be staunchly supporting Secretary Hitchcock in the stand he has taken. The Creek Nation committee of business men is due to reach Washington tomorrow, and while it is believed here the president will resolve the party, it is not believed he will take any measure looking to the stay of proceedings.

The case is now in the hands of the department of justice, which, it is said, on good authority, has directed District Attorney Melette to secure the release of the Indian police by habeas corpus, and direct the United States marshal to close all places of business that have not paid the tax. Mr. Melette will not discuss the situation and has refused to deny or affirm the report that he has been directed to apply for an order restraining the mayor, city officials and all persons from interfering with the United States officers in the discharge of their duties.

Another report from Washington is to the effect that the department of justice is surprised that Mr. Melette has not taken steps to have Mayor Fife and others arrested for conspiracy to prevent the closing of stores under the order issued by Inspector Wright, while the latter comes in for criticism for his weak effort to enforce the order, knowing the department was supporting him.

The merchants of the city have consulted counsel and if their places of business are closed on orders from the inspector or agent, will institute proceedings for damages against their bondsmen. The same will apply to the United States marshal, while the other officers aiding in the closing of the stores will be sued individually. While nothing definite is known, the general impression prevails that tomorrow will witness the next act in the drama.

The entire United States Indian police force, which was ordered to this city Monday, has arrived and if the U. S. marshal is ordered to close the stores, the police probably will be sworn in as deputies.

## SUBMARINE BOAT LCST.

British Boat Founders Off Coast and Fourteen of Crew Drown.

(By Associated Press.)

Plymouth, England, June 3.—A submarine boat was lost with all hands outside the breakwater here this morning. Three explosions are said to have occurred on the boat before she foundered. She had a crew of eighteen officers and men on board, including the regular crew. Fourteen of the number were drowned. The others were picked up.

The disaster occurred while the boat was proceeding to sea for practice.

Tugs and divers were immediately on the scene.

## To Repeal Tribal Tax.

Muskogee, I. T., June 1.—There is considerable talk here of calling a special session of the Creek council for the purpose of repealing the tribal tax. This looks rather improbable on its face, but the Creek council is composed largely of men who have business interests and who realize that the collection of the tax will do more harm than good for the nation. P. Porter, chief of the Creeks, is openly opposed to the collection of the tax and has written the president to that effect. It is thought that enough pressure might be brought to bear on the members of the council to secure favorable action. Such an act would wipe out the tax entirely.

## PRUITT ACQUITTED

Jury Was Out More Than Twenty-four Hours—Case Attracted Attention.

After deliberating for more than 24 hours a jury in the United States court in the Henry Pruitt case returned a verdict of not guilty. Pruitt, it will be remembered, has been on trial charged with the killing of William Rubottom, a well-to-do citizen who resided near Leon. The crime was committed some three years ago. Rubottom, while driving cattle out of his field, was shot down. Some time after the killing, Henry Pruitt, who resides in that vicinity, was arrested.

Much interest is being manifested by the local baseball fans in Ardmore's attempt to get into the league. The baseball situation was greatly discussed yesterday after the Ardmoreite's mention of the matter. It is believed by many that with the proper effort the city will be admitted.